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Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The references listed in the attached PTO Form 1449, a copy of the non-U.S. patent publication of which is attached, may be material to examination of the above-identified patent application. Applicants submit these references in compliance with their duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.56 and 1.97. The Examiner is requested to consider these references and to acknowledge such consideration by initialing the attached PTO Form 1449 at the appropriate locations.

Applicants state that the references listed in the attached PTO Form 1449 were cited in a communication in a counterpart European application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement (IDS). For the Examiner's use and information, a copy of the pertinent portion of the Supplementary European Search Report in the counterpart European application and the Communication from the EPO showing that the search report was mailed on September 17, 2008 are attached.

As this IDS is being filed after the issuance of a Notice of Allowance (but before payment of the issue fee), the fee of \$180.00 set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is attached hereto. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due to our Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. YOKOP030).

Respectfully submitted,

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